

CORRESPONDENCE.

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On revising the Calendar.

Mr. Estlin: In your issue of last week you report as follows, under heading of "Calendar for April Term of Supreme Court: Foreign Jury Cases."

"The King vs Lan Nin. Possession of opium. Attorney-General for the Crown; V. V. Ashford for defendant."

There is no such case to come before the April term, and has never been such a case pending. Mr. Lan Nin is a merchant of standing and respectability, and has never been charged with or suspected of, imbecile dealing in, or possession of, opium. There has been a case pending against him, on appeal, under the new celebrated "Liquor Law" of 1888, recently slaughtered by the Supreme Court. The report, as it stands in your paper, is calculated to do my client an injury, and in his behalf I ask that you correct the same, giving the correction equal prominence and publicity with that given to said report.

VOLNEY V. ASHFORD, Atty for Lan Nin. Honolulu, Mar. 15, 1889.

The Other Side of the Matter.

Mr. Estlin: Your San Francisco correspondent in his letter dated March 21, said: "The New York Shipping List of February 23d reports the purchase of a Breakwater engine equal to 5 1/2 duty paid, an advance of 1/16th of a cent. Had this been offered to San Francisco in the time it might the cargoes of the Planter, Staght, S. C. Allen, and S. G. Wilder, would have realized \$125 more, a difference of over \$4000." In the same correspondent's issue of this morning's issue of your paper is the following: "The advance in the price of raw sugar reported as having taken place in the East in my last letter, was notified to the San Francisco refiners on March 4th, fully a week later than it should have been, four Hawaiian cargoes thus losing the benefit of the higher price."

It may be a source of satisfaction to your correspondent to know that the four cargoes he names were sold, respectively, on a basis of 5.59 1/2, 5.65, 5.65, and 5.65 cents per pound, or, in three instances, better even than his scolding quotation of 5.62 1/2 cents. It is quite evident that your correspondent has been misled by depending upon the Bulletin's correspondent for information.

J. O. CARTER, Honolulu, March 18, 1889.

The Normal Classes.

Mr. Estlin: As the Board of Education has authorized the notification of another series of examination of teachers and Normal Classes to be held at the different island centers, will you allow me to say a few words regarding the results of the first convention held in April of last year? A short discussion as to the success or failure in bringing about the ends sought by the present educational law-givers might not be amiss.

As I write, the notes I took at the last convention of teachers are before me, and I find that a great deal was spoken about cultivating that esprit de corps which should characterize the profession, the proper exercise of their family, the development of intellect, about being logical and making the children under our care reasonable beings, and much more besides of like tenor, most of which was entirely thrown away on the majority of those present; or, in other words, as a lady teacher aptly remarked, the much esteemed and deservedly popular gentleman presiding over the classes, talked over the heads, with a few exceptions, of the assembled teachers.

Now, sir, to the different methods practiced at present in teaching English to the rising generation of our heterogeneous population are given tentative, and as many of us are feeling our way to better ways and means, for the attainment of which a great deal of patient work and constant trial are necessary to find out what methods secure the speediest and best results, and as little or nothing can be effected by a convention meeting but once a year, inasmuch as, in the first place, there is not sufficient time given to exhaust with little detail of primary teaching in a manner to be of lasting benefit to those concerned, and secondly, as the best results of teachers' meetings cannot be achieved apart from actual school work in the class room itself during school sessions, I beg emphatically to assert, and every teacher on this island having the courage of his or her convictions will bear me out in the statement, that but very few, if any, of the teachers present at that meeting, carried away any store of useful knowledge that was ever after put in practice in daily school work. I cannot therefore but draw the conclusion that our Normal Classes held at Lahoe a year, were not as successful, in their ultimate design and scope, as could be desired.

But as the fat has gone

forth, and another convention is to be held and attended by all the teachers next month, in the interests of intelligent and successful education, and with a view to securing and deriving the utmost possible good from this next meeting, I would beg leave to suggest that in laying down the course of instruction to be followed, due consideration be given to some of our most pressing needs. We need fewer generalizations and more copious and exhaustive details of ordinary lessons as employed in the class-room; less flowery eloquence and rhetorical display, and more blackboard work and illustration, in which all present should be invited and encouraged to take part; and above all, we need that the instructor bring himself down to the same plane and level with the understandings of those receiving instruction, in order that the less favored ones in point of education and experience might be able to gain some insight into better methods and principles of teaching, and to grasp and hold on to something, however little, which may prove of lasting and permanent benefit to them.

A KAUAI TEACHER, Kauai, March 15th.

The Currency Question.

Mr. Estlin:—You say, speaking of the coinage of this kingdom, "We are employing the whole million of silver and perhaps half a million more of U. S. gold coin."

Assuming your figures to be correct, you further say: "It (gold) has not been crowded out by the inferior coin, as the mono-metallic theorists declared it must necessarily be."

Perhaps you can explain to your readers how but five hundred thousand dollars of gold coin remain in the kingdom, out of three million seven hundred thousand imported into the kingdom in four years, ending with December 31st last. It looks very much as though the theory of the mono-metalists had been quite thoroughly proved in practice.

It also looks to thinking men very much as though the million of silver coin imported into the kingdom five years and a half ago, which cannot be sent on duty abroad, had occupied the ground to the exclusion of about three million of gold coin.

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